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In re Application of:)
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DREWE et al.)
) Art Unit: 1637
Serial No. 09/744,489)
) Examiner: Suryaprabha Chunduru
Filed: January 23, 2001)
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For: **NUCLEIC ACID DETECTION BY**)
TRIPLE HELIX FORMATION)

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 15, 2005, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the following amendments and appended remarks.

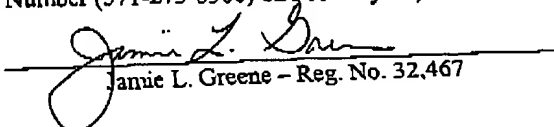
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